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**RE: Request for DOE Meeting Concerning DEIS Regarding
MOX in Boston/Plymouth MA Area**

One operating nuclear reactor remains in Massachusetts - the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth, Massachusetts. We have no confidence in the safety of that reactor because, for example: it is old and experiencing age-related deterioration peculiar to boiling water reactors; it is a GE Mark I - a flawed design and the manufacturer, GE, holds the prize for making reactors with the most troubled histories in the U.S.; the N.R.C., the regulators, have a consistent history of being the lapdogs, instead of the watchdogs, of the industry; and Massachusetts has recently deregulated its electric market with consequent efforts by the owner of Pilgrim NPS to cut corners in an attempt to compete.

With that as background, it is understandable why we oppose the MOX proposal which would both raise the probability of a severe reactor accident and more than double the radioactivity that could be released should an accident occur.

We request that an additional DOE meeting on the Draft Environmental Impact statement be held in the Boston/Plymouth area to provide you with an opportunity for dialogue with individuals and groups who stand to be impacted by your proposal in the future.

The meetings scheduled to date are in Richland, Washington; Amarillo, Texas; North Augusta, SC; Portland, Oregon; Idaho Falls, ID. There are none scheduled in the Northeast where many of the aged reactors which potentially may use MOX fuel are located. We are left out of the process.

Respectfully submitted by,



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MOX RFP

Section 4.28 was revised to discuss the potential environmental impacts of operating Catawba, McGuire, and North Anna, the reactors that would use the MOX fuel, should the decision be made to proceed with the hybrid approach. In addition, the reactors selected include only those reactors whose operational life is expected to last beyond the life of the surplus plutonium disposition program. Thus, the Pilgrim reactor was not considered because it is an older reactor.

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General SPD EIS and NEPA Process

DOE does not believe that an additional public hearing in the Northeast is necessary, since none of the reactors to be used are located there. All interested parties were encouraged to comment on the *Supplement to the SPD Draft EIS* issued in April 1999. This *Supplement* included the Environmental Synopsis, a description of the affected environment around the three proposed reactor sites, and analyses of the potential environmental impacts of operating these reactors using MOX fuel (Appendix P and Sections 3.7 and 4.28 of this SPD EIS, respectively). During the 45-day period for public comment on the *Supplement*, DOE held a public hearing in Washington, D.C., on June 15, 1999, and invited comments. Responses to those comments are provided in Volume III, Chapter 4.

Comment Documents and Responses—Massachusetts

